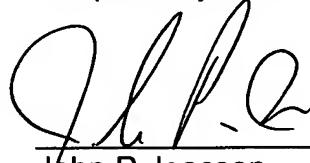


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. A first office action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



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